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Mr. Tarr--

I am deeply concerned about the process of review of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline's 401 permit. My understanding is that the permit is going to be approved despite lingering health, safety and environmental concerns and without demonstrating clear and overwhelming economic benefit to the impacted communities.

I ask that you urge Governor Cooper to IMMEDIATELY request the DEQ to postpone their decision on the 401 water permit and authorize public hearings in Cumberland, Robeson and Johnston counties where M&R stations would be sited.

At least 3 more public hearings along the proposed ACP corridor are imperative for impacted communities--predominantly low income communities of color--to have their questions and critical issues addressed. ACP, LLC has not provided adequate information regarding a number of aspects of its proposal and has repeatedly obfuscated.

I hope that Governor Cooper's administration will take as strong a stance against the ACP as it has on offshore drilling. Surely the wealthier, whiter communities of the coast do not deserve greater protection than those along the proposed ACP route. Since Governor Cooper has made a commitment to the Paris Agreement, he clearly understands the importance of a rapid transition to a clean energy economy based on renewables. Massive fossil fuel infrastructure such as the ACP would lock our state into decades of fossil fuel use (and increasing electricity rates to pay for it) while sacrificing the well-being of our most disadvantaged communities.

Sincerely,
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